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Ms. Susan Webster (6SF-PR)
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Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

**Re: Hogan Mine Area, McKinley County, New Mexico -Time Critical Removal Action EPA ID
NMN000607182**

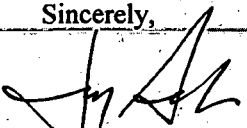
Dear Ms. Webster:

NMED has been informed that EPA Region 6 staff have identified a residential structure near the Hogan Mine in McKinley County that exceeds established acceptable dose and cancer risk levels such that a removal action is warranted. This structure was identified as part of the Grants Mining District structural assessment.

Gamma radiation levels that exceed the EPA established dose rate of 15 mrem/year (above local background) and the associated increased cancer risk of 3×10^{-4} have been identified. The proposed removal action will excavate contaminated soil/debris which will be disposed of in a secure off-site facility. NMED concurs with EPA that a removal action is warranted to clean-up the identified structure and requests that EPA address the site through the Superfund removal program to protect human health and welfare, and the environment from any imminent threats posed by the site.

NMED appreciates the attention given to this site and the efforts of the Prevention and Response Branch. Please contact Ms. Dana Bahar of my staff at (505) 827-2908 should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,


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Acting Chief
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